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Uncompromising Reply To Soviet Charges

U.S. MAKES DEMAND FOR INDEMNITY

Washington, Apr. 18.—The United States today charged that Russia had shot down the missing American Navy aircraft over the open sea.

In a reply to the Russian note on the incident, the United States demanded that Russia institute a prompt and thorough investigation.

The United States further demanded that strict instructions should be issued to the Soviet Air Force that there be no repetition "under whatever pretext" of similar incidents.

WORSENER RELATIONS PREDICTED

Washington, Apr. 18.—A severe and continuing deterioration of American-Soviet relations is regarded as inevitable following the United States note to Russia concerning the loss of an American plane over the Baltic.

Russia is expected to reject uncompromisingly the United States Government's account of the incident and the American demands.

Officials would not speculate about what action the United States might take if the demands were rejected.

Observers here were at a loss to explain why Soviet fighters should have gone out into the Baltic to shoot down an unarmed American plane.

One theory was that the plane was carrying a highly secret and valuable new electronic equipment which the Soviet military authorities wished to obtain.

According to this theory the Soviet fighters intercepted the American plane over the Baltic and ordered it to land in Soviet-controlled territory.

When the Americans refused to comply, the United States plan to destroy witnesses to the interception, the theory runs.

Reuter.

The United States reply was made in a note delivered in Moscow today in reply to the Russian charges that an American bomber fired on Soviet fighter planes over Latvia on April 8.

The American note said that the missing Privateer was the only American aircraft which was in the air in the Baltic area on April 8, when the alleged incident over Latvia took place.

The note said that no trace of the Privateer's crew of 10 had since been found.

The sternly-worded note, rejecting the Russian protest, said that the investigation conducted by the United States Government had convinced it that the Navy plane complied strictly with instructions not to fly over foreign territory. It did not fly over any Soviet or Soviet-occupied territory or adjacent territorial waters, the note declared.

"It must be concluded that Soviet military aircraft fired upon an unarmed American plane over the open sea, following which the American aircraft was lost," the note added.

"The Ambassador of the United States has been instructed to protest in the most solemn manner against this violation of International Law and of the most elementary rules of peaceful conduct between nations."

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The Life Raft At Copenhagen

Copenhagen, Apr. 18.—The rubber aircraft life raft picked up in the Baltic on Sunday by the British steamer Beecham "may possibly," but not positively, have come from the American Privateer aircraft which has been missing since April 8, American Captain Jack Klinger, who commanded the Baltic search operations for the Privateer, told Reuter.

The raft, brought here today by air from Stockholm, is being forwarded at once to the American Air Force Headquarters at Wiesbaden.—Reuter.

Soviet Plans For East Germany

Washington, Apr. 18.—A State Department official today predicted that Russia would sign a separate peace treaty with Eastern Germany within the next few months.

Mr. Henry Cox, the Department's expert on East German affairs, told the United Press that he had said as early as last November that the Russians would make such a move within a year and that he stood by this prediction. It was quite possible, he said, that the Russians might choose to announce the treaty during the May meeting of the Big Three Foreign Ministers in London, for its propaganda value.

Reports from Germany not only indicate that Russia not only plans to announce a peace treaty with East Germany in late May, but also might withdraw her troops. However, Department officials are sceptical about troop withdrawals. They feel that the Soviet is not yet ready to take this step.—United Press.

Big Fire In London



City traffic came to a complete halt in the shadow of St. Paul's the other day when fire broke out on the sixth floor of a Ludgate Hill building and trapped two sisters. Picture shows a general view of the scene. (London Express Service.)

AUTUMN ELECTION NOW WIDELY PREDICTED

The Cripps Budget Causes Sharp Disappointment!

London, Apr. 18.—The Budget speech made by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in Parliament today was aimed at convincing the nation that to avoid the great evils of inflation and unemployment austerity must continue and the general freeze on wages, prices and profits be maintained.

Fateful Days Warning

U.S. Army Chief's Analysis

Washington, Apr. 18.—General Omar Bradley, the Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, warned tonight that "the real danger of our times" might come if Russia succeeded in equalling the military strength of the United States and the North Atlantic Pact powers.

America's top military leader said on a radio programme that an enemy would dare attack only if the Western Democracies were unprepared, weak and not alert.

"The next few years, while we are rebuilding the forces of the Atlantic Treaty along with rebuilding our economies, we will be quite vulnerable," he declared.

"During this time, our retaliation forces may be the greatest deterrent to war. Later, if our forces for collective security are built up and our retaliation forces—our bombs and aeroplanes—are equalled by another power, then that may be the real danger of our times."

He said that the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty nations must do everything to build up military, economic and political strength and unity and, at the same time, make all efforts that would lead to a permanent peace.

The combination of the North Atlantic Powers, and the principle that an attack against one would be an attack against all, would in time have a "rather persuasive" deterrent effect, General Bradley submitted.

He added that the forces in Alaska now were not strong enough and that he would like to have more troops and air squadrons in that area.—Reuter.

TRIESTE VOTE

Belgrade, Apr. 18.—Belgrade Radio announced today the election results in the district of Capo d'Istria in the Yugoslav Zone of Trieste.

A total of 24,262 voters, 87.6 percent voted for the People's Front, 1.7 percent voted for the Socialist Party and 1.1 percent voted for the Christian Socialist Party.—Reuter.

Sordid Tale Behind Attempt To Destroy Airliner

Los Angeles, Apr. 18.—A pretty airline stewardess said today that John Grant had told her he expected to be free to marry her a few hours before he planted an incendiary time-bomb on an airliner carrying his wife and children.

However, the 31-year-old aircraft engineer told the police he had no intention of marrying golden-haired Elizabeth Suomela, despite her story that he had courted her for several years and had told her he was separated from his wife.

Grant admitted he built the bomb and placed it on a United Airlines plane in a plot to kill his wife and two children. He said he had been driven crazy by debts and was motivated by the thought of the US\$25,000 insurance his family drew shortly before going aboard an airliner bound for San Diego.

Miss Suomela's romance with Grant was uncovered when the police learned that the car he had used to drive his family to the airport was registered under the 31-year-old stewardess. After the disclosure of her affair with Grant, she resigned as assistant supervisor of stewardesses for American Airlines.

The police placed a watch over Grant after they discovered a noise fashioned from cloth in his mattress in the Venice sub-station hotel. Detective Lieutenant J. R. Goldstein also reported that cyanide pills were found in the car Grant had been using.—United Press.

STRINGING ALONG

She added that about a year after they met Grant asked her to marry him. She said she waited patiently for him to go through with divorce proceedings.

Macassar Accusations: Holland's Pained Astonishment

The Hague, Apr. 18.—The Dutch Government has told its High Commissioner in Indonesia, Dr. Max Hirschfeld, to ask for a clarification of an Indonesian Government statement alleging that the Dutch have not fulfilled their commitments towards Indonesia.

The statement, issued by the Indonesian Ministry of Information, has caused "pained astonishment" in The Hague, according to an official Dutch spokesman.

It alleged that for a second time, with the uprising by Captain Abdul Aziz in Macassar, the Dutch had failed to fulfil their obligations under the round-table agreement last year.

It claimed that the Dutch military commander had failed

to bring back deserters to barracks, suggested that only time would show to what extent this was due "merely to impotence," and asserted that Indonesian confidence in the Dutch was not strengthened by Dutch failures of this kind.

Small reconnaissance units of the Indonesian Army landed today at "several places" along the coast of rebel-held Celebes. Colonel Kawilarang, appointed to command operations against the dissident East Indonesian leadership who revolted under the leadership of Captain Abdul Aziz, arrived this evening from Medan, where he was formerly North Sumatran commander. Colonel Kawilarang is expected to establish headquarters at Sourabaya, former Dutch naval base in Java.

Federal troops landing on Celebes were ordered not to shoot unless fired on, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said. The main body of government troops was expected to land before the end of the week.

The strength of the invasion force was estimated at 2,000, but military sources said the government was prepared to send 10,000 troops to East Indonesia to crush the revolt.

Macassar was reported quiet, although dispatches said some shooting was heard last night outside the town. Government troops who escaped capture by Aziz' former Dutch colonial forces were reported to be attempting to seize the main power and radio station situated near Macassar.—Reuter and United Press.

EDITORIAL

An Illuminating Protest

THREE weeks have elapsed since the Budget in the form of expenditure estimates received the approval of Legislative Council and no official disclosure has been made outlining the final decisions of Government regarding the methods to be employed in raising the additional revenue required. It is, perhaps, far too early to proclaim this as a good sign, but it is interesting in more senses than one. Public opinion expressed itself forcibly in opposition to the Financial Secretary's main proposal, an increase in the Earnings and Profits Tax, and an assurance was given that the original programme would be submitted to further study, giving due consideration to arguments advanced against particular items. For the Financial Secretary, it is a heavy responsibility. Much that he would like to do terminates in disappointment, for enormous as is the Budget, surplus money is not general. His concluding speech revealed a certain amount of sympathy for the attitude of those who looked askance at higher salaries tax and that does not render his considered decision any easier. We should, however, feel remiss if we did not say a word more about another line selected as a revenue producer while there may still be time. The meaning of the proposal to impose a tax upon the operators of neon-signs did not immediately sink into minds deeply engaged as the result of concern over salaries tax. Latterly, something equivalent to a feeling of dismay has been growing, and with it a solid objection to a more or less petty tax. Grounds for condemnation are numerous. That which dominates the picture for most commentators is the

attractiveness of the city streets, rising higher in the scale as further neon-signs appear. The astonishing beauty of the harbour front on a clear moonless night provokes in visitors, passing through the Colony, flattering impressions of Hong-kong, which they take with them. Not that this in itself presents solid reason to drop the taxation scheme, but it demands thought on the basis of growing fears that neon will be discouraged. Not altogether minor factors, also, are vastly improved lighting in the main streets, facilitating traffic, and, moreover, operating quite effectively as a protection against prowlers and thieves. Above all that, is the odd distinction made between a tradesman's signboard which is normal unlighted paintwork, and that whose only transgression is attractive illumination. Not ten percent of the Colony's neon signs can be correctly described as genuine advertisements, any more than fluorescent border-lights within the window. Is it legitimate for government to penalise a merchant merely because he favours good lighting? Again, when is a neon-sign taxable? Supposing the owner, in protest against the tax, disconnects the electric current, is he still liable? In short, it would be excellent were the Financial Secretary to act with courage and admit the possibility of a serious mistake. The recent suggestion that revenue could more readily be obtained from a purchase tax on light bulbs, imposed at source, and subsequently passed on by a slightly higher price, is sound. A change to that course would at least be equitable. Better still, it would produce a greater return.

The tearful stewardess said, "Yesterday morning he told me he was on his way for the final hearing for the divorce. He said he would call me in the afternoon and let me know how it came out."

She added that about a year after they met Grant asked her to marry him. She said she waited patiently for him to go through with divorce proceedings.

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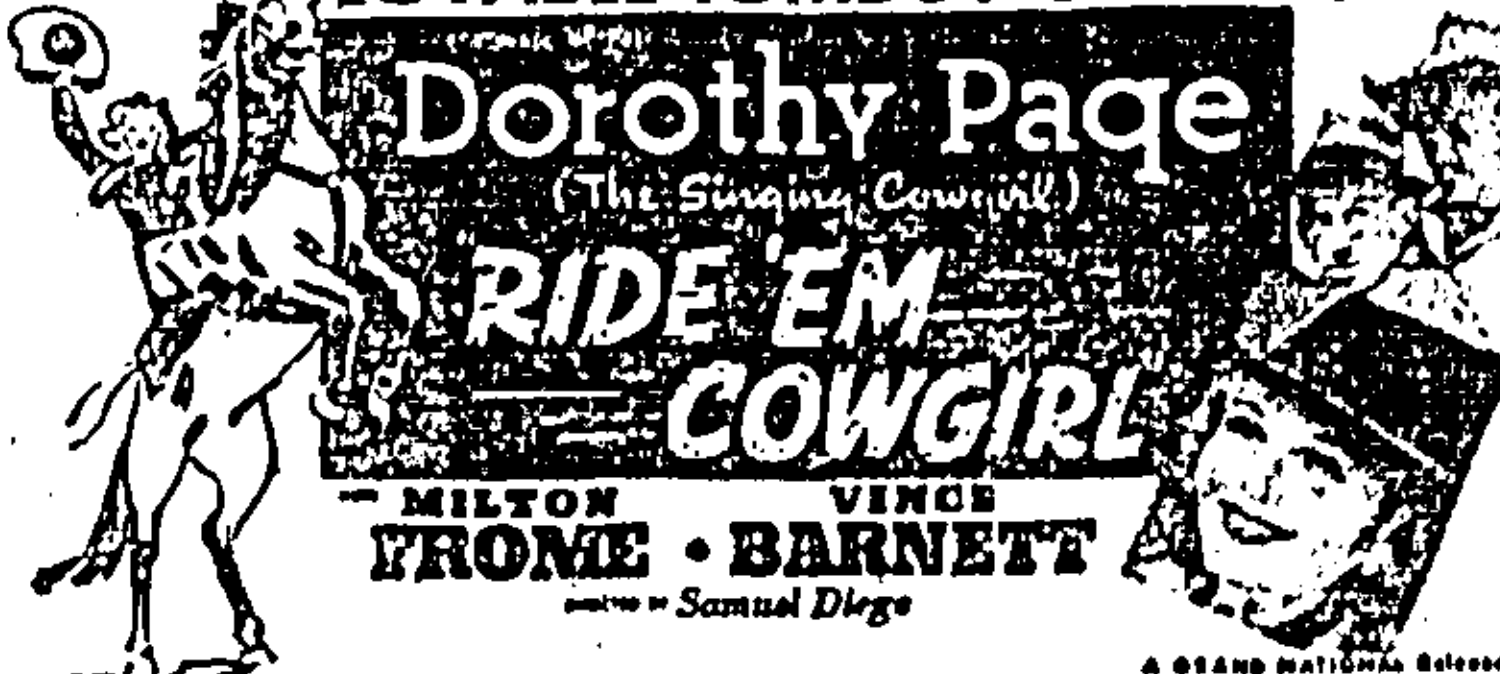
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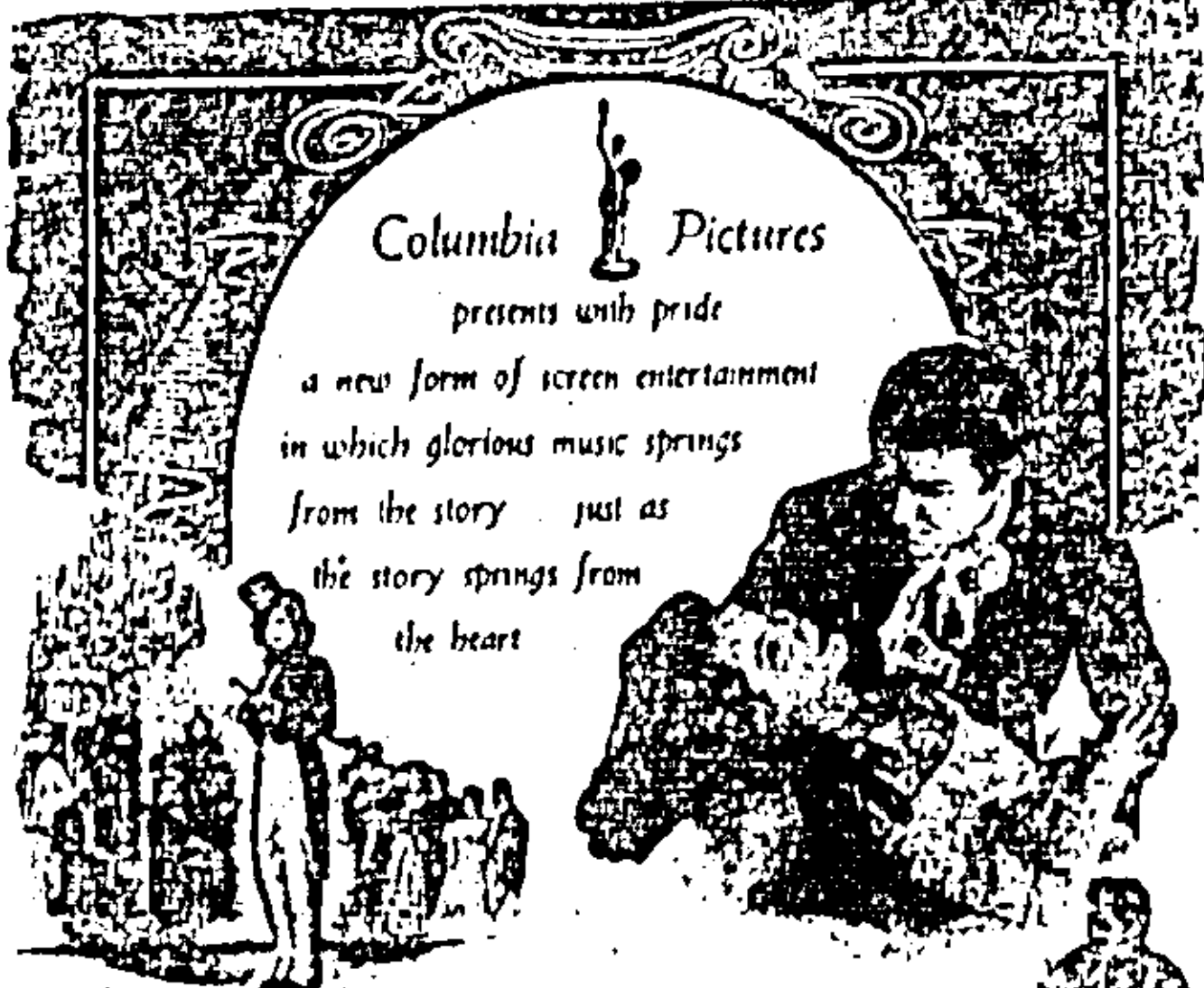
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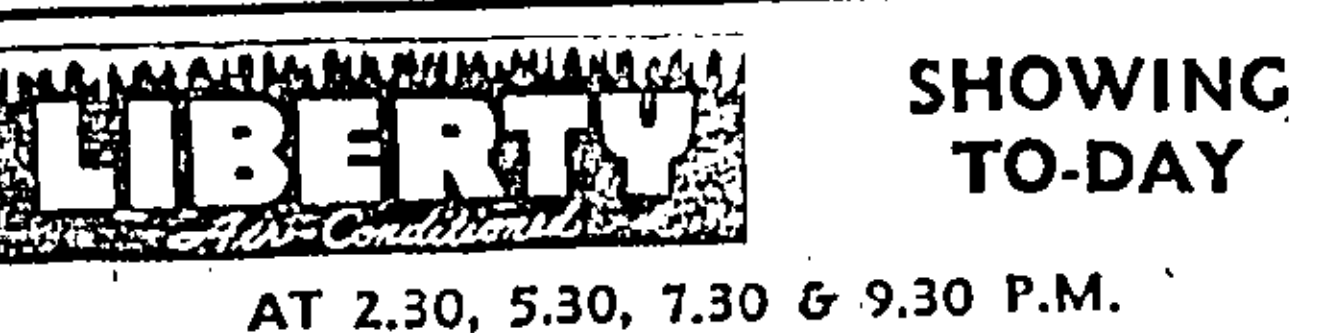
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Choose A Suave Suit For Spring



By ALICE ALDEN

THE SLICK, sleek, well-tailored, well-mannered suit, is always a wardrobe classic. Quite likely a wise woman chooses a suit as her wardrobe backbone, a suit such as this in crisp wool and rayon gabardine, a good wrinkle-resistant mixture. The skirt is straight of line and the jacket has nice pocket details. It can be worn under a coat or on its own.

THE SILK suit, (below) headed on soft, yet simple dressmaker lines is always a good find and appears a year after year in all the best collections. Cell Chapman does a beauty, destined to take its wearer through the year in fine style. The suit is of navy blue tissue faille, and the jacket has a double stand up collar, and a pleated skirt that is slit at centre back. The adaptable collar lines are repeated in the cuffs. The skirt is slim.

Would They
Let Her
Grow Old?

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood. An actress, once named "America's most charming child", wishes people would forget about that. She'd like to be known now as a charming grown-up.

"I know I'll never grow big," tiny Allene Roberts said, "but I wish they'd let me grow old."

Miss Roberts is 21 and looks it, provided she has a cigarette dangling from her lips and a look of dissipation painted on her face. Otherwise she looks anything from twelve onwards.

You would think this might open a whole array of parts to Miss Roberts. But it doesn't. She's not interested in playing giggling high school girls or somebody's brat sister. She is a highly dramatic actress.

However, there are only a limited number of stories which give teenagers anything dramatic to do. So Miss Roberts wishes producers would let her be her real age.

Tricks Of Trade

"If I have an interview coming up for a part," she said, "I stay out very late two or three nights and try to look awfully tired. It makes them think I'm older."

She cuts her hair much shorter than she likes it, too. It adds age to her face.

"By adding a full or cutting my hair I can look almost any age," she said, "but who wants to keep her hair line going up and down like a window shade?"

Miss Roberts goes to both extremes of age in Paramount's "Union Station." She plays an adult girl who gets kidnapped. But police searching for her show her in home movies which show her at ages from 13 up.

In the film before that, she played a girl of 12.

"I suppose there are some advantages," she sighed, "when I'm 10 perhaps I'll look 30, and then I'll have the last laugh, but I hope I don't have to wait until I'm 40 to get ahead in movies."

—United Press.

Golden Rules For Parents

By G. CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

IF you want your child to love and respect you, here are some practical hints to keep in mind.

A good way to teach a child disrespect to his parents when he will have grown up is to let him always have his wishes, gratified, and to make excessive sacrifices for his selfish satisfaction.

Your eagerness to be a gracious hostess may lead you to ignore your child when you have company. But you can't ignore him long. He will get attention even if he must be punished to succeed. Most children would rather get a vigorous spanking than be considered for a quarter of an hour as a stick or post.

It's easier to die for our children than to live for them in good measure.

No use to lecture to our children; a quiet word or gesture at a moment when affection reigns is worth more to the child than hours of admonition.

There's nothing which a child respects so much as the inevitable that turns out to be just.

Parents who sit down together and foresee the problems which are likely to confront their child, rarely have to meet these problems.

Change first yourself if you would change your child. To praise a child when he's been good is usually more powerful than to punish him when he's been bad.

It takes little "brains" to rebuke a child, but to praise him at all the times we should, demands the greatest wisdom of the world.

Indulgent parents soon have children who continually annoy them and children who are pretty sure to be annoyed by their parents.

Philosophical arguments may further mental growth, but arguments with children over what they are told to do or not to do destroys character. Most parents will have the last word if it takes all night.

The way to lose time with your child is to seem to save it; the way to save time is to seem to lose it. We can't hope to hurry a little child.

An afternoon nap by the mother may do as much for the child's happiness as a nap by the child.

A wise father takes time to read to his little child, to play with him, and to listen to his yams of fancy. He also never wears a missing the little fellow's questions.

Give up always to the baby. Protect the older child and his possessions from the barbarism of the baby, and you will save a lot of trouble for yourself and suffering for your children.

To control one's self before one's children is greater than to command a winning army.

The same parent who would consider it a crime to throw a brick through the window of a church might feel no prickle of conscience as she wrecks a palace which a little child has built to the god of his creation.

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Hands Should Be Handsome



Courtesy Yardley

Help keep hands free from roughness, with frequent applications of hand cream. Apply the cream each time you wash hands, making sure they are thoroughly dry first.

By HELEN FOLLETT

Most women must use their hands for more purposes than bridge playing. Household tasks take a terrible toll from the hands and the boss of the domestic works must be ever on the guard against discolorations, roughness of the skin and early wrinkles. Even about your business as usual, the lotion alone is not enough. After creaming your complexion at bedtime, give your hands a three-minute friction.

If you hesitate to use the precious face cream and must keep an eye on the beauty overhead, substitute toilet lanoline.

Start at the wrist, rubbing round and round. Thumb the skin of the fingers. Work especially on the knuckles, especially if you have been doing heavy work around the house. Give the nails a brisk rubbing. Unless they are oiled or creamed now and then there is a chance of their changing in character, and not for the better.

The hands are exposed to many types of infection and that is why they must be kept as clean as possible. The thin skin of the clefts of the fingers is especially susceptible to infection. The cuticle about the nails must be kept free from the pink shell; if it creeps up on the nail fabric, it is bound to break, and any wound, even a slight one, can cause pain and trouble.

Use a nail brush at least once a day; it makes a more thorough job of cleansing than merely rubbing in soap suds. Rub every bit of the soap away and dry your hands thoroughly. Use a lotion only. These milky, semi-liquid preparations disappear almost immediately and you can go about your business as usual. But the lotion alone is not enough. After creaming your complexion at bedtime, give your hands a three-minute friction.

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Teeth On Her Head



Fashion study in black and white: Miss June Oakes, seen at the Bagatelle Restaurant, had ivory teeth decorating black hair—The neck-line was boat-shaped and scalloped.

—(London Express Service)

Then There's A Moulded
Hip Silhouette

THE moulded hip silhouette, stressed as new in some Paris openings and tried out by several New York dress houses during the winter, is importantly followed up in a new collection recently in a New York fashion house. It's done in cocktail-dinner-into-evening chiffons, laces, combinations of marquisette and French cord lace and since it is in much demand, the firm has much confidence in it. Tucked bodices, finely pleated skirts vary the formula of combining laces and sheers. Black lace banding through white chiffon is a dramatic version, but there are conservative ones too where dresses stick all to one colour and the moulded siren line breaks into fullness higher on the figure. This silhouette is a highlight.

PRINTS aren't numerous but there are a couple of special rod ideas: scratch check for white ground silky dinner dresses with velvet accents.... White grounds with roses well spaced and velvet sashes. These are silk and understated elegance since designs are completely simple.

ALL WHITE for tucked, pleated short chiffon topped by a novelty knit, gold-chain striped cardigan is one of the youngest evening types. For dinner at home, two-tone crepes in sarong skirted separates with elasticated waistbands look both smart and comfortable.

SCOOP NECKLINES predominate for piques and Irish lins as well as for the very formal

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"Eye-Appeal" Is Important

"MADAME," said the Chef, sized sauce pan. Add 1/4 tsp. "It is my considered thyme, 1 tsp. scraped onion, 1/2 judgment that the American tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, and cuisine is potentially the great- 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce if test in the world. I say poten- desired. Heat slowly and boil tially" that does not mean about 2 min. Serve in bowls with a garnish of plain or paprikaed croutons and grated sharp flavoured cheese.

"Here we have the greatest variety and abundance of food on this earth. The average American family is better served than in any other country. However, if I may speak frankly, there is much room for improvement in cooking and serving the meals, and the making use of every bit of eatable food. That is where our column can be of service.

"For example, the home-maker sometimes goes out to eat in a tea-room, restaurant or hotel, and she wishes she could have food with the same glamour and eye-appeal at home.

"But why not? We can give them many suggestions. For one thing, imagine it is the end of the week, and the budget is low.

"What meat can she serve that would have the appeal?" "Well, Chef, let's suggest this menu."

Dinner
Bowls of Stewed Tomatoes
Paprikaed Croutons and Grated Cheese
Baked Bean Pies with Sausage Links
Spinach or Greens
Cole Slaw with Peanuts
Indian Fruit Pudding
Ice Cream Topping
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

"If attractively served in interesting dishes and on a spotless tablecloth, these simple low-priced foods will look as glamorous as those in any high-class restaurant. Imagine the pottery bowls filled with steaming hot, stewed tomato topped with croutons and grated cheese. A big platter of mouthwatering golden brown baked bean pies topped with sausage links, with a border of chopped fresh green spinach dusted with sieved hard-cooked egg, and garnished with red radishes. A wooden salad bowl heaped with savoury cole slaw tossed with peanuts and chopped scallions. And for dessert, squares of Indian fruit pudding topped with small scoops of ice cream. That's glamour enough for any family.

Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine. All Measurements Are Level Recipes Serve Four

Bowls of Stewed Tomatoes
With Grated Cheese
Turn the contents of 1 (No. 2 1/4) tin tomatoes into a qt. serving.

Crisp and fine-shred enough white cabbage to make 4 c. Add 2 chopped scallions and green tops, 1/2 c. peanut butter French dressing and 1/2 c. crisp coarsely-chopped roasted or salted peanuts, and toss together. Serve at once.

Peanut Butter French Dressing: Stir 2 tbsp. peanut butter with 1/2 tsp. salad oil. Add 1/2 c. tomato French dressing.

Indian Fruit Pudding
Scald 1 qt. whole milk or use reconstituted evaporated or dried skim milk. Combine 1/2 c. whole or enriched cornmeal, 1/4 c. granulated sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/2 c. molasses. Stir into the milk. Add 1 tsp. powdered ginger and 2 tsp. butter or margarine. Cook and stir until beginning to thicken. Then add 1 c. fine-chopped tart apple and 1/2 c. whole or seeded raisins. Transfer to a 7" x 11" heat-proof glass casserole. Bake uncovered at 325 to 350 F. for 1 1/2 hrs. Stir at the end of 30 min. Serve hot or cold cut in squares. With whipped cream, a whipped cream topping, or scoops of vanilla ice cream.

Trick Of The Chef
To prepare paprikaed croutons, melt 2tbsp. butter in a small frying pan. Add 1 c. small-diced white bread and slowly fry, stirring until golden brown all over. Dust with paprika before serving.

DOCTORS OFFER RULE OF THUMB FOR DRINKERS

MODERATE drinkers will be happy to know their alcohol consumption is not going to lead them to an early grave. This is the finding of the Medicine department of American magazine Newsweek, which made a special study of the problem.

Shorter Film Kisses

Film kisses are getting shorter. The idea now is just to give the public a preview of what goes on when the camera goes off.

Instead of the 20-second sorters, that burned up the screen in the silent days and during the war, directors with stop watches are holding things down to 10 seconds.

"They must wait for the right moment and proper place for anything more," explained Hollywood director Michael Curtiz.

"Everyone knows that when there's a war on any kiss may be the last for a happy pair. People are more tolerant. But now we have had to readjust our stop watches."

Even in 10 seconds, however, some film stars have been able to convey the idea.

DIETRICH DOES IT

Richard Todd, a reserved Englishman, gets a kiss like that from Marlene Dietrich in "Stage Fright." It took eight seconds, according to the stop watch held by the script clerk.

Steve Cochran has a moment or two with Joan Crawford in "The Damned Don't Cry" which was clocked at 10 seconds flat. "It was anything but flat," Cochran reminded when he emerged shattered.

Ruth Roman and Dane Clark go into several clichés in "Har-Share," the longest of which lasts seven seconds.

June Haver and Gordon MacRae kept it down to six seconds. "They know what's good form and what isn't," director D. A. Butler explained. "Otherwise I wouldn't undertake to set a time limit for either of them."

"They're Irish, and the Irish are great lovers. Even better than the Latins,"—United Press.

DOGS MUCH MALIGNED

Almost nightly for the past two years 37-year-old Captain Stephen Davidson, formerly of the RASC, and now chief of one of the RSPCA all-night emergency squads in London, has been chasing dogs.

Hardly a night passes without at least one "vicious dog" SOS reaching the Society's headquarters in Piccadilly, but when Captain Davidson answers, the call experience tells him he won't find a "vicious dog" but just another maligned canine. These dogs may cause policemen to hesitate, civilians to scatter and telephone wires to hum, but Captain Davidson has tackled hundreds of officially designated "vicious dogs" and has never been bitten. All he uses is a pair of gloves and much patience.

The lost and wandering dog, says Captain Davidson, generally gets kicked from pillar to post, and ends up by sneaking into some building in desperate search for shelter, peace and warmth. The injured dog usually hides somewhere where he can suffer in silence and lick his wounds.

K. O. CANNON . . . THIS WEEK—A NEW ADVENTURE WITH WHISPER



ROOF LIFTED BY DUST STORM



Cover Girl Of Year Bars Swimsuit Poses

By GENE PATTERSON

Georgia Hamilton is as handsome as girls come, but she wouldn't dare pose in a bathing suit. "Cheesecake poses would hurt my business," said the 24-year-old beauty, who undoubtedly could do happy things for a scanty swim suit if she would. But she won't.

Georgia is a high fashion model—one of those sophisticated belles who look lean,

hungry and cold flossing the covers of the higher-browed women's magazines.

Did anybody ever see a strictly pose posing one of those organs? "No," said Georgia.

"High fashion is my business," she said. "Leg art would put me out of character."

In character, the auburn-haired American model got her picture on more magazine covers during 1949 than any of her competitors, according to the annual trade survey which named her Cover Girl of the year.

COMFORT AT HOME

Her haughty poses which decorate such slick covers as Harper's Bazaar, Charm, Today's Woman and McCall's, were strictly poses. Pictured as a really aloof clotheshorse with understated hips and refrigerated personality, she turns out to be, in real life, a warm, chatty girl with a bright smile, a husband and a two-year-old son.

"If I'm a high fashion model, then it wouldn't be smart professionally to be snapped in any other character," she said. "But you can bet your boots I get comfortable when

I'm home. I just lounge around in any old thing."

Any old thing Georgia wears must look pretty nice. It just happens that in front of a lens her hazel eyes, oval face and general geography show off high fashion better than other model types, such as "junior," "American girl" and "showgirl."

LIKES HER WORK

The Los Angeles born model married a fashion photographer, Stephen Elliott, four years ago when she just was breaking into the modelling trade. They expect a second child in June. Georgia plans to keep posing right up to the last "head and neck work, you know," she said.

How does it feel, she was asked, to walk by a news stand and see yourself on a magazine cover? She blushed prettily, a surprising manoeuvre definitely out of high fashion character, but this was real life.

"I'm just awful," she giggled. "I feel like stopping people on the street and saying, 'Look—me!'"

Between getting her picture taken in fabulous clothes for upwards of \$25 an hour and running a home, Georgia stays busy. To stay pretty, "I just stay healthy," she said.—United Press.

SEARCH FOR OIL



A SENSITIVE geophone is put in position before a man-made explosion as scientists make tests on the Isle of Wight in searching for oil. Early experiments indicate that there is oil under ground, and 32 men of the Seismic Reflection Survey party are undertaking an extensive inspection. (Acme).

FABLED RIVER YIELDS DIAMONDS

Accra, Gold Coast.—Native and European diamond and gold mines are operating in the fabled country near Turkwa, 39 miles north of here by railway.

Prospectors, and Africans using primitive tools, have dug out small quantities of gold and industrial diamonds from the Abomsam Woraba River, where legend says the wife of the forest god once took her daily bath. "Abomsam Woraba" means "Mistress of the Devil," from the goddess.

The legend was believed until a few decades ago, and natives feared to visit the stream at night.

Government sanitary workers have improved the area in recent years, and it is eternally green now—a wide carpet of bahamas grass stretching to the far distance, relieved by undulating hills covered with short hedge plants, and mountains on the horizon.

MORE DIAMONDS

The Abomsam Woraba stream itself shrinks to a mere trickle in the winter, the Gold Coast's dry season.

Prospectors here noticed two months ago that the number of diamonds in the soil was increasing. There was no "diamond rush," but the number of sweating prospectors grew to 30, including many women.

The Africans work alone or in small groups, wash the gravel in calabashes, and travel to Turkwa every day or two to bank their diamonds, receiving advances on sales in London.

Expect for the few European companies, diamond mining in Turkwa is purely a "home industry." It is impossible to estimate production figures because the "industry" is unorganized, and overhead is small.

To judge from the undiminished daily yields, however, hunting for diamonds will be a permanent source of income to the Gold Coast.

BUSY SCENE

Most of the miners live in the village of Asaman, a mile from the Abomsam Woraba River. Asaman is crowded and bustling, women cooking and naked babies romping in the streets. Occasionally a train whistles past.

A little clearing near by serves as a market, where women fry-ing plantain tarts and cakes outdo one another with praise of their products in the language of African hawkers.

The native authority receives two shillings in every pound of income from diamonds. The combined yield of both native and European enterprises last year totalled more than 900,000 carats, of which native industry now claims a respectable share.

Chiefs at a provincial council meeting last month asked the Gold Coast Government to supply modern machinery to remove tree stumps and top soil and to remove some of the restrictions which now hamper them.—United Press.

CRAMMING his hat on his head, R. E. McConkey, of Topeka, Kansas, watches the shingles on his roof taking off in the wind which reached hurricane velocity during a recent U.S. Midwest dust storm. Some deaths were caused. (Acme).

GAOL IS TEEN-AGERS' NEW FAD

Latest fad of bobby-soxers at Atlanta (Georgia) is to visit Murderer's Row in the State prison.

"Thrill-seeking teenagers haunt the gaol corridors after school hours seeking permission to see some notorious criminal."

Chief Gaoler Hugh Cromer says: "These girls, many from good Atlanta families, come to the gaol daily with flimsy reasons for visiting the inmates. 'We can't always tell thrill-seekers from legitimate callers.' The girls bring gifts of candy, food, cigarettes, and stand outside the cells, giggling and whispering to hardened crooks."

Cromer says the current heart-throb of the bobby-soxers is handsome Don Kerrigan, 29, a payroll bandit under sentence of death for having murdered his girl friend.

Liner Losing Bandmaster

The Queen Elizabeth is to have a new bandmaster. Mr Paul Wood, for three years in charge of the ship's 22 musicians, has given up a life at sea. He is 47.

Wood has played for many celebrities. One Christmas he led a carol singing choir to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor's suite. An elderly man who listened to his playing every evening was conductor Koussevitsky.



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Sitting on the Fence....by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

Up to very recent times the Chukchi (a tribe in the far north of Siberia) observed the primordial custom of killing off their old and sick people at the request of the doomed themselves. It would be a matter of reverence and duty for a son to strangle his father or mother. — From "The Road to Oblivion" by Vladimir Zencov.

Hush, Little Father, do not cry.
Ivan will throttle you by and by.
When mother complained of a nasty cough,
Ivan Ivanovitch bumped her off.
When grandmother moaned with an ache in her head,
Old Uncle Peterkin shot her dead.
When grandfather roared with the pain of the gout,
Nicholas Nikolai laid him out.
So hush, Little Father, do not cry.
Ivan will throttle you by and by.

The dowager and dachshund

DISCUSSING atavism in man, a clergyman relates how a shepherd of his acquaintance, through long association with sheep, became "so much like his charges about the lips and chin that his appearance was often the subject of ridicule."

Similar cases have been observed among members of English society. There is the case of a huntress woman who became so much like a horse that she was entered for the Grand National, and was only rescued in the nick of time by her mother, who found her locked in a stable.

There is also the curious story of the dowager and the dachshund who grew "so like each other that, one night, the dowager's maid put the dachshund to bed and put the dowager out in the garden."

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Strange tale of the sea

CHINESE stowaways, who were concealed in the walls and ceiling of the smoke-room in an Atlantic liner, were discovered during a voyage because they were obliged, owing to hunger and thirst, to reveal themselves by making noises and showing their faces through the panels.

"Anything more before we close the bar, sir?" said George, the smoke-room steward.
"Yes," replied Mr Henry Yumpington. "Two."

them with a short, hysterical laugh. "Only a... only a Chinaman. A Chinaman in the ceiling to be exact."

"A Chinaman in the ceiling," roared Mr Yumpington. "That's a good one. Are there any Chinamen in the ceiling, George?"

"No, sir," said George, coolly. "There are no Chinamen in the ceiling, sir."

"Thank you, George, thank you," said Mr Yumpington, rising and leaving his drink untouched. "Good night, Yumpington."

Confidence corner

"My father had a mental breakdown a few years ago, and my mother has never been right in the head. Two of my aunts are what you might call irresponsible, and I have three uncles in the madhouse. Do you think the boy who wants to marry me ought to know this, dear eddies?"—Anxious Aggie.

I am not your dear eddies, Aggie, but I think if he marries you he will know soon enough.
—(London Express Service)

C.V.R. THOMPSON REPORTS AMERICA: New York's Most Popular Man

NEW YORK. THE most popular man in New York is Mr Wilbur England. Unknown until this month, he has become the hero of the hundreds of thousands who travel on New York's notorious subway.

That is because Mr England has promised to do something to relieve the drabness of that part of their lives they spend under ground.

Under a deal with the city's officials who will take over all the bookstalls.
He announced at once that his first step will be what he calls a "doling-up campaign."

The bookstalls, now as drab as the subway itself will be painted in gay pastel shades. There will be lots of chromium and bright lights.
And the men who serve in them will no longer work in slacks and shirt-sleeves, but in smart uniforms.

There was one part of Mr England's programme that the most trusting subway traveller could not believe.

Every employee, he promised, will be taught to say "Thank you," every time he makes a sale.

DOLLAR TOURISTS to Britain this summer will be encouraged to take out a Lloyd's insurance against wet weather. Typical policy, costing £2 17s. 6d. a week. An American will get £22 if there is more than an inch-and-a-half of rain while he is in England. Lloyd's have sufficient confidence in the British weather to believe it will make dollars on the policies.

BRITISH manufacturers have got a pat on the back from the International Monetary Fund. Fund officials have been looking into reports that they had raised their prices so much since the £ was devalued, that British goods could no longer compete in price with American. The result of their inquiry: Prices have risen scarcely at all.

ON THE FIRST clear night to come New Yorkers will see the ultimate in the art of Douglas Leigh, a young man who has made a fortune designing fabulous sky-signs. His new

TOO MANY IFS

By J.W. BROWN

LONDON. THERE was once a hungry man who said wistfully to his wife: "If we had eggs, we could have bacon and eggs, if we had some bacon." I recite the story because I can think of no better way of beginning this article.

For this article is about the Government's latest literary effort—The Economic Survey, 1950. And all that it has to tell us could be summed up in that little story.

Indeed this survey might well have been entitled "If." What it says, in effect, is that "if" everything goes well, we shall not be much worse off this coming year than we are now. And isn't that comforting?

But Lord, what a number of "ifs" there are.

First, if you are one of those people who have been waiting for some years for a car, you can reconcile yourself to waiting some more. For the number of cars for the home market is to be reduced by about 40,000.

Next, if you are one of those people who have been waiting still more years for a home, you can reconcile yourself to a still more protracted stay with your in-laws.

For the rate of building, which was 200,000 this year, is to be cut to 185,000 next year. In the bad old days before the war, the builders somehow managed to erect houses at twice this rate, at half the price, and with a labour force not much bigger than we have today.

The reason for cutting down? To reduce capital expenditure. Why? Because the Government can't eat your cake and let you have it too.

HOW many people are waiting for houses? Mr Bevan says that the total number on the waiting lists is "not available." But one political party would treat housing "like a great military operation." I should have remembered that military operations sometimes cover retreats.

Still, the homeless may take comfort in contemplating the new building of operations going on in preparation for the Festival of Britain south of the Thames. If they have to stay on the streets, at least the skyline will be improved. But not a little further West. St. Thomas's Hospital is still a ruin.

NEXT, provided nobody gets any wages increases, you may expect that the further rise in the price level "will be small." To the housewife, who has seen the purchasing power of the pound decline by four shillings in as many years, this announcement will come with stunning effects. Still, it's being cheerful as keeps me going, so let us look on the bright side. There will be enough tobacco to enable us to smoke as much as last year — and at the same price. And if you reply that you've had to give it up because you can't afford it, well, it's a bad habit anyway.

Next, most of the shortages of household goods have disappeared. From the shops, possibly. But not from most of the households I have anything to do with.

Cloth supplies will be "bigger than last year." But as we have abolished clothes rationing precisely because people could not use the coupons to which they were entitled, this announcement will cause only qualified enthusiasm.

Then there will be more milk, fats and eggs, and "possibly more meat." I am delighted about the milk, fats and eggs, but dubious about the meat.

For under bulk buying, meat supplies are no longer a commercial matter but a political one. And Peron appears to be wild with Webb, so wild that negotiations for the new meat contract are suspended indefinitely while our trade delegation kicks its heels in the Argentine.

I HAVE no space to tell you more about the Future that we have to Face. You can read it all for yourselves in this publication.
But I am a little thrilled by it. That I am going back to fiction and leaving Stationery Office publications severely alone. That may be escapism. But what a prospect to escape from!

—London Express Service.

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PROMOTION & RELEGATION STRUGGLES LOOK LIKELY TO CONTINUE INTO MAY

London, Apr. 18.—Intense championship, promotion and relegation struggles look like continuing to the end of the football season on May 6.

Only two points cover six teams any of which can win the Football League Championship, and at the other end of the First Division table it is still not certain which two teams will be relegated to the Second Division.

The outstanding match in next Saturday's programme is that between Portsmouth, the defending League Champions, and Liverpool, who are striving to achieve the elusive double of winning the FA Cup and the League Championship in one season.

Sixty Teams In Tennis League

Sixty teams will compete in the eight divisions of the Colony Inter-Club tennis leagues which are fixed to begin during the first week of May.

This number represents an increase of eight teams over that of last year and is made up by the entries in the new "D" Division instituted for this year.

The following are the full entries:

Men's Doubles "A" Division
Kowloon Cricket Club, Club de Recreo, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club and South China.

Men's Doubles "B" Division
Ladies Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Club de Recreo, Hong Kong University, United Services Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club, Chinese Recreation Club and South China.

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Men's Doubles "F" Division
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Men's Doubles "I" Division
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Men's Doubles "J" Division
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Men's Doubles "AA" Division
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Men's Doubles "AB" Division
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Men's Doubles "AD" Division
Ladies Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Club de Recreo, Hong Kong University, United Services Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club, Chinese Recreation Club and South China.

CRACKING UP

A strong defence and sharp-shooting forwards, plus ground advantage may enable Portsmouth to strengthen their grip with a win over Liverpool, whose players are beginning to show signs of cracking under the strain of their double burden.

Manchester United have a hard task away to Newcastle who, safely placed in the League, may administer a setback to the title hopes of the United whose attack has lost much of its sting. Skilful Sunderland travel to tackle lowly placed Huddersfield who, almost free from relegation worries, will be keen to avenge their 6-1 Cup thrashing.

Blackpool and Wolverhampton, the other two in the championship race, have home games against London sides in Chelsea and Arsenal respectively.

Charlton and Birmingham fight out a relegation battle at the bottom of the table and ground advantage may save the day for Charlton.

Manchester City, encouraged by their fine win at Sunderland last week, will tackle Derby with confidence.

Manchester City and Birmingham have 27 points, one less than Charlton, who have played one game more. The two clubs for relegation seem almost certain to come from this trio.

Sheffield Wednesday should increase their promotion prospects at home to Coventry in Division II. Their two rivals, Sheffield United and Southampton, have away games at Cardiff and Plymouth (bottom of the table) respectively.—Reuter.

Wood, who automatically became the holder of the Cup by winning the Olympic title, was challenged by Kelly, holder of the Henley Diamond Skulls, after the Australian had agreed to come to the United States.

A Committee announced that the race would be held on the Schuylkill River in September.

Under the rules, Wood could insist that the event be held on his home course at a date he would select. His acceptance of the offer to race here came as a surprise.—Reuter.

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GROUND ADVANTAGE

Blackpool should profit from ground advantage to maintain their challenge and Wolverhampton, now returned to their early season brilliance, should beat Arsenal whose thoughts will be preoccupied with the Cup final on the following Saturday.

Charlton and Birmingham fight out a relegation battle at the bottom of the table and ground advantage may save the day for Charlton.

Manchester City, encouraged by their fine win at Sunderland last week, will tackle Derby with confidence.

Manchester City and Birmingham have 27 points, one less than Charlton, who have played one game more. The two clubs for relegation seem almost certain to come from this trio.

Sheffield Wednesday should increase their promotion prospects at home to Coventry in Division II. Their two rivals, Sheffield United and Southampton, have away games at Cardiff and Plymouth (bottom of the table) respectively.—Reuter.

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SPORTING SAM



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An Inside Story On

When D.R. Jardine Was Booed At Old Trafford

D. R. Jardine is never in a hurry to reply to critics, as he showed during the "bodyline" tour in Australia. Now he has casually revealed an English Test match secret during a talk to the Manchester Luncheon Club 19 years after the event.

Jardine was captain of the English side in a Test match against the New Zealanders at Manchester in August, 1931—days when the Dominion was new to Test cricket.

Rain limited the total play to half of the third afternoon, and Jardine having won the toss and batted, was heartily booed because he kept England at the wicket till close of play—223 for three (Dulleep Singh 63 out, Sutcliffe 100 not out, Jardine 28 not out).

Now for the explanation. The New Zealanders, he said, were playing in their first series of Test matches in England. They had done very well in London but their tour was not proving a financial success.

Time was limited, and at the suggestion of the New Zealanders, who feared that Larwood might get several quick wickets at low cost if they batted first, thus making a "farce" of the rest of the tour, Jardine put England in. So now we know. Last summer the New Zealanders needed no such concessions.

Sir Pelham Warner is a cricket optimist. Speaking of the Australians at the Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Club dinner he said we should do well when we met them. He saw a few weak points in their eleven. For one thing, Bradman had gone.

"We have suffered from the war but as certain as there is sunrise in the morning we shall rise again," he said.

I do not regard this "rising again" as at all assured. It all depends whether we organise our cricket, as the Australians do.

The war can be blamed overmuch for our cricket troubles. We have not won a rubber against Australia since 1932-3.

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Sportsman's Diary
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Bruce Harris

with the British team for New Zealand and Australia, has just been awarded a joint share in the Warren Fisher trophy. This goes to the best individual performance in sport of the year by any civil servant. Roberts shares it with Geoffrey Paine, the Davis Cup lawn tennis player.

Voting is by areas. Roberts, a Cornishman, was crooked when the rugby season began, and missed England v. Wales, but played in the next three matches.

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Japan Should Be Far East Switzerland

—MACARTHUR

Pleasantville, N.Y., Apr. 18. — Japan should be the "Switzerland of the Far East" and remain neutral in any future war, General Douglas MacArthur is quoted as having said in an exclusive interview with J. P. McEvoy, appearing in the May issue of the Reader's Digest.

McEvoy quoted General MacArthur as declaring that though a peace treaty with Japan "is long, long overdue" the country should not be re-armed.

The Supreme Commander told McEvoy: "Japan cannot possibly raise an Army or an Air Force large enough to protect herself. Besides, the raising of armed forces would attract rather than dissuade aggression. Japan

should be the 'Switzerland of the Far East' and neutral for the same reasons that Switzerland is neutral — no matter which side she might join she would be inevitably destroyed."

On the question of the need for a peace treaty, General MacArthur said: "The Japanese have fully and faithfully observed their surrender commitments. They have disarmed, demobilized and established a peaceful democratic regime."

According to McEvoy, General MacArthur expressed the belief that the historians of the future will devote more space to the subject of "How freedom and democracy were brought to the Far East by the United States" than to World War II itself. Gen. MacArthur said this achievement was "one of the greatest and perhaps the noblest single achievement of our country."

WOULD FIGHT

Asked what would happen after the Occupation ends, General MacArthur said: "If we moved out tomorrow and any group tried to restore the old conditions they would be hanged to lamp-posts. Millions of farmers who for the first time own their own little farms will fight for their land as our own farmers would fight."

Gen. MacArthur continued: "Seven million labourers will not give up what they have won without a desperate struggle. Many of the old crowd are dead, others will be gone in 10 years — and all of them and their works have been thoroughly discredited. The Japanese not only have lost their war but they also lost confidence in their former way of life. It is absurd to think that those leaders of their doctrines would ever rise again."

On the question of Communism, Gen. MacArthur said: "The Japanese will never accept Communism. It spells Russia to them — and there is one thing the Japanese know, hate and fear, it is Russia."

He said when the Japanese repatriated from Russia ignored their families and marched to the Communist headquarters, the Japanese people "were first shocked and then, then later completely disgusted. It was a psychological boomerang and a major propaganda defeat."

MOST DEMOCRATIC

Gen. MacArthur said, however, he believed that Russia would respect Japanese neutrality because it would be to their advantage to do so from military expediency.

Regarding democracy in Japan, Gen. MacArthur said: "Now the Japanese Constitution is the most democratic in word. So are the Japanese laws."

On Japan's future, Gen. MacArthur said: "Japan is the natural workshop of the Far East, and for 50 years this could keep all Japanese busy and make them prosperous and happy — unless the heavy hand of war is laid on them."

Asked if he thought war is inevitable, Gen. MacArthur said: "In two previous World Wars there were people on one side or the other who believed they had something to gain by winning. Today the majority of the people in our own country are in business and all responsible leaders know that no one can gain by another war. If the Russians really wanted war there have been plenty of incidents in the last two years which would have precipitated war at any other time in history." — United Press.

ESPIONAGE BASES

"In some monasteries weapons and secret broadcasting apparatus were discovered and many monasteries served as bases for espionage and disruptive activities."

"In order to stop this hostile activity of the Catholic Order, measures have been taken which will bring these Orders back to their original and true religious mission."

The statement alleged it had been established that only few people lived in these monasteries. They did no work but mostly busied themselves with inciting the population.

"The empty monastery buildings will continue to serve the needs of the Catholic Charitas and social and health purposes. Some will be turned into flats, of which people living nearby are so short," the statement added. — Reuter.

Italian Fleet Manoeuvres

Rome, Apr. 18. — The Italian Fleet will carry out manoeuvres in the Lower Adriatic Sea on Thursday. It was learned here today. The Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, will watch the manoeuvres on board the battleship Andrea Doria, accompanied by the Defence Minister, Signor Rinaldo Ossola. — Reuter.

Paris In The Spring



Spring's first blossoms lend a touch of grace to the famous Eiffel Tower in the French capital. Recent showers and some warm, sunny days have awakened the trees and shrubs on the Parisian boulevards, in its parks, and along the Seine. (Acme)

DEATH SENTENCE ON TWO CZECHS

Prague, Apr. 18. — Two men, said to have been trained in an American espionage school in West Germany, were sentenced to death here today and a third man — identified as an American citizen — was sentenced to 18 years and will be expelled.

CUTTING COSTS IN AUSTRIA

London, Apr. 18. — Sir Harold Caccia, the British Minister to Vienna, and General T. J. Winterton, the British High Commissioner in Austria, who arrived in London last night, attended the resumed talks on the reduction of Austrian occupation costs at the Foreign Office here today.

These talks are part of a concerted effort by the Western powers to cut occupation costs in Austria to a minimum in view of Russia's failure so far to agree on the Austrian State Treaty, which would involve a withdrawal from Austria of all occupying troops.

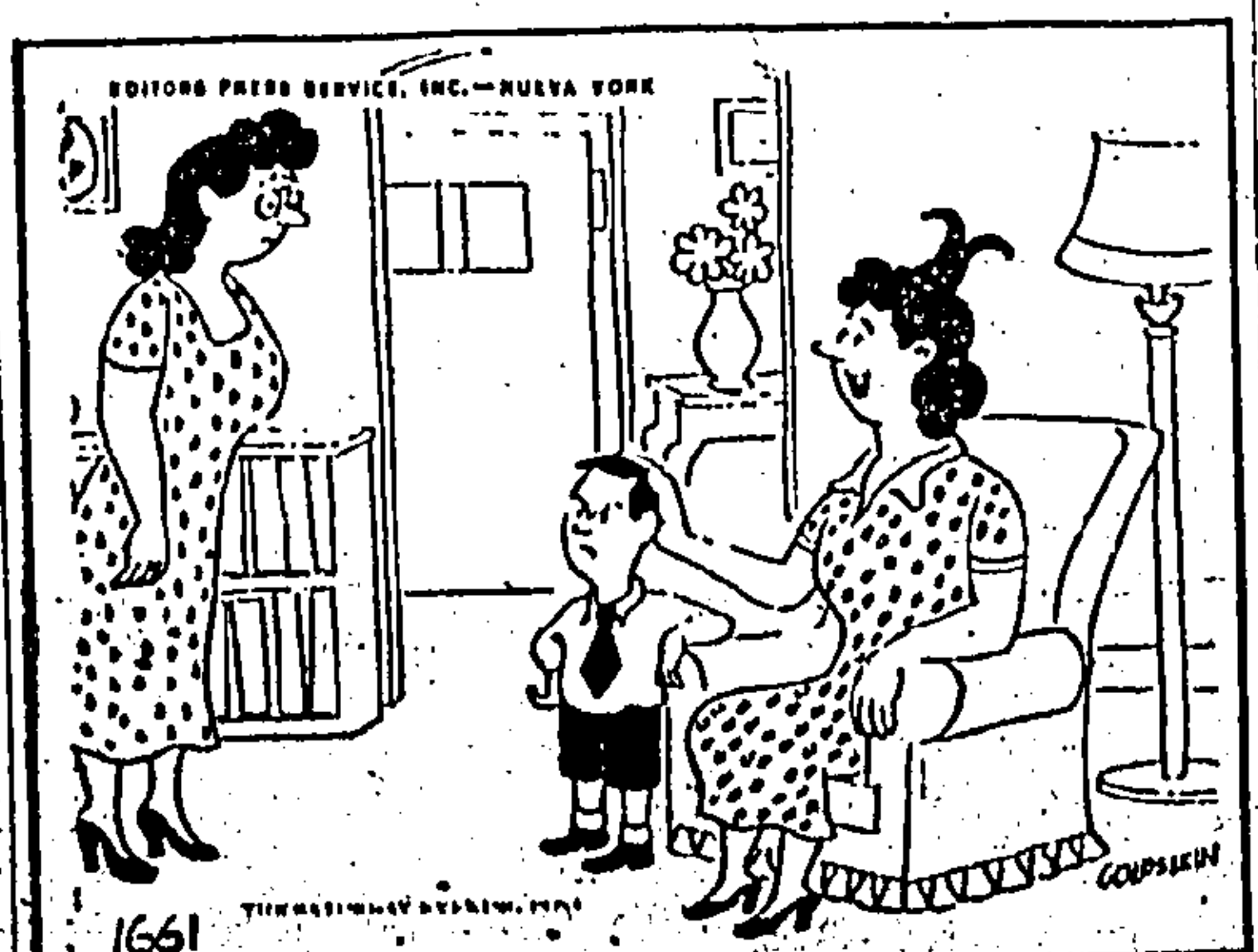
Following formal notes from the Austrian Government requesting a cut in occupation costs and proposing ways and means, consultations began in London, Paris and Washington between the three Governments about two months ago.

It is hoped that some decision by the Western Powers will be reached within a few weeks. — Reuter.

Plane Purchase Programme

Washington, Apr. 18. — The U.S. Air Force and Navy announced today that their combined aircraft buying programme for the fiscal year 1950 which started last July first calls for 2,048 new planes costing \$1,753,800,000.

The Air Force is buying 1,250 planes at a cost of \$1,203,200,000; the Navy aircraft purchases total 798 costing \$550,600,000. The procurement programmes showed continued emphasis on the Air Force bomber programme, but the purchases included many jet fighters for both Air Force and Navy. — United Press.



"Merwyn's awfully restless — do you have some cheap little thing he can break?"

SAUDI-ARABIA TAKES NO SIDE IN COLD WAR

Cairo, Apr. 18. — Prince Faisal, the Saudi-Arabian Foreign Minister, was non-committal when asked at a press conference here today to define Saudi-Arabia's position in the East-West struggle. "We are all subject to circumstances," he said. "We may have something in our minds today and circumstances may force us to change it tomorrow."

He denied reports that the United States was planning to set up military or strategic bases in Saudi Arabia.

Prince Faisal, who headed the Saudi-Arabian delegation to the recent Arab League Council in Cairo, said that the Council had produced "something more concrete" than at previous sessions.

He gave as examples the collective security pact linking the seven member states in a military and economic alliance, and the decision to apply political and economic sanctions against any member state which did not comply with, or carry out, the League's decisions.

"It is my personal opinion the Arab countries were hitherto to insure in their co-operation with one another," he said. "The Palestine war put all the Arab countries in a position of obligations."

Asked if the Arab States should join a broader Middle East or Mediterranean Pact, he said: "Arabs should first fulfill their obligations towards each other, embodied in their own collective security pact, before they consider joining other groupings."

Sardar Patel Appeals For Confidence

Bombay, Apr. 18. — India's Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, said here today that the Indian Government was determined to see the Indian-Pakistan agreement fully implemented in his country.

Addressing a meeting of Congress leaders and workers, he appealed to those leaders who had come here from East Bengal to return to their former place of activity to create confidence among minorities there.

Sardar Patel said that this would pave the way for "at least some of those who had left for West Bengal to go back to their own homes in East Bengal."

He also urged Congress leaders and workers to persuade those who had come here from East Bengal to return to their former place of activity to create confidence among minorities there.

The Deputy Prime Minister earlier today heard from Mr. S. K. Banu, Indian Deputy High Commissioner in Dacca, a hand account of the situation in East Bengal and the steps taken by the East Bengal Government for the implementation of the agreement.

Sardar Patel broadcast to the people of West Bengal on the agreement on Thursday and returns to New Delhi in Friday. — Reuter.

U.N. TO CARE FOR REFUGEES

Geneva, Apr. 18. — Mr. B. de Rouge, Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross Societies, stated at a press conference here that the League would pass all responsibility for refugees in the Middle East to the United Nations on April 30.

Mr. de Rouge said the League had at the moment about 310,000 refugees under its care. Of these about 130,000 were in the Lebanon, 85,000 in Syria and 100,000 in Jordan.

From May, he added, these refugees would become the responsibility of the newly-created United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, which is being directed by Major General Howard Kennedy of Canada.

Mr. de Rouge said the United Nations organs would continue to receive aid such as food and clothing from national Red Cross societies but the task of finding work for the refugees would be the responsibility of the United Nations.

He declared that it was probable that a large part of the refugees would not be able to return to their homeland, and thus it was essential that employment should be found for them in the countries where they were at present living.

General Kennedy, he added, would be leaving Geneva in the very near future to study the situation at first hand.

He disclaimed knowledge of "Western pressure" on the Arab states to conclude peace with Israel.

Asked by an Egyptian reporter why Saudi-Arabia did not use oil as a weapon against United States aid to Israel, Prince Faisal replied: "Saudi-Arabia is not the only Arab country with oil resources. We differ from the others in that we have obligations towards companies, whereas other Arab countries have obligations towards governments — and none used oil as a weapon."

He denied that there were any personal differences among the Saudi-Arabian princes, dismissing it as "that old rumour again." — Reuter.

POCKET CARTOON



London Express Service.

Chandernagore To Join India

Calcutta, Apr. 18. — India will take over the administration of Chandernagore, the three-square-mile French settlement near here, on May 2. It was officially announced today.

This decision was taken at a meeting of representatives of the Indian, French and West Bengal Governments.

Chandernagore voted to merge with India at a plebiscite held last June. — Reuter.

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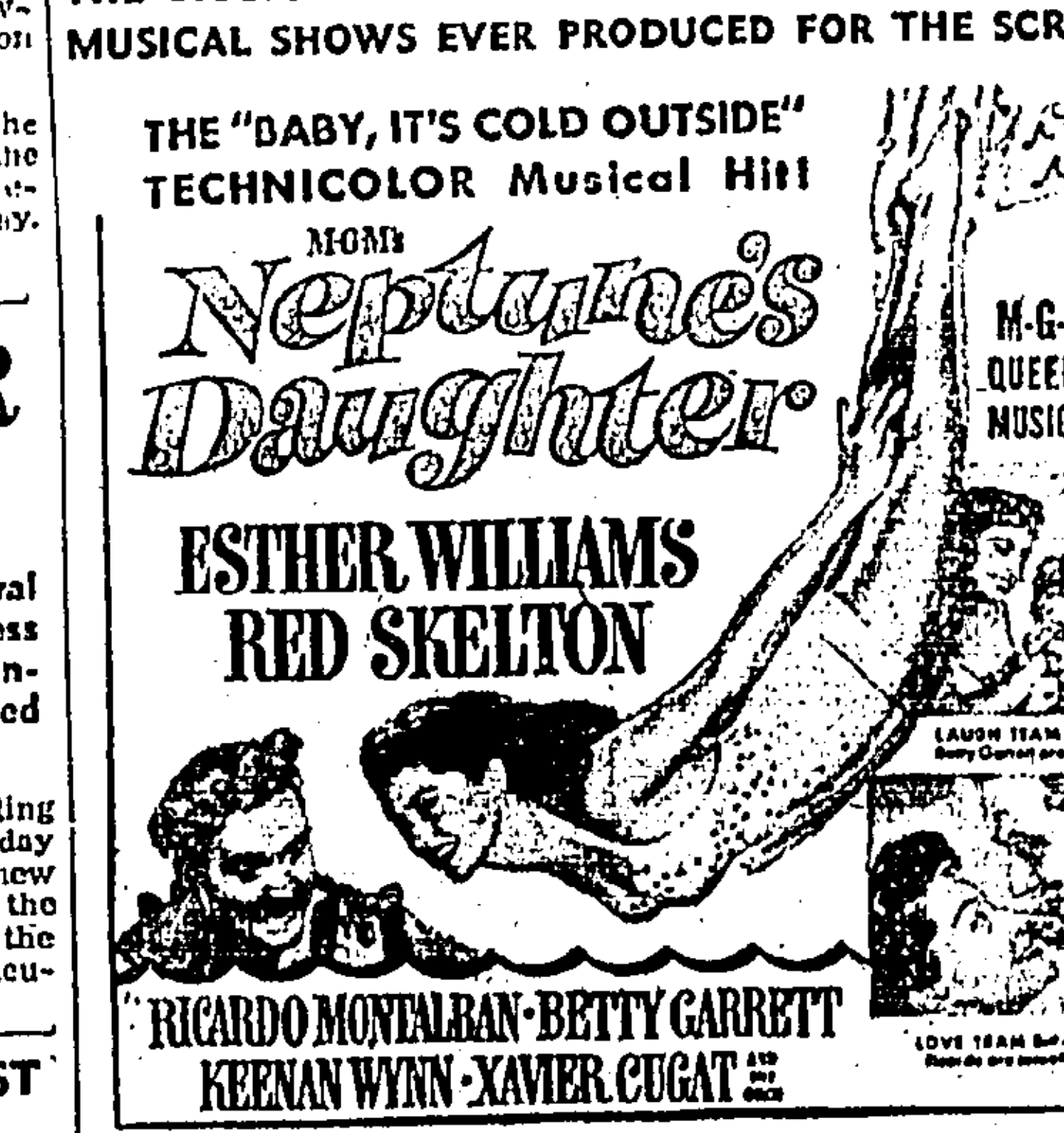
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DEATHS

KWOK — Mrs. P. K. Kwok, beloved wife of Mr. P. K. Kwok, 71-year-old, died at her residence, 11, Wai Yee Street, on April 17, 1950, at the age of 71. The funeral will take place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Hong Kong, on April 20, 1950, at 10 a.m. The cortege will leave the residence at 9 a.m. and will pass the Monument at about 4.15 p.m.

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